GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – BC Welfare Department – Departmental proceedings against Smt K.Sridevi, the then District B.C. Welfare Officer, Srikakulam District under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Article of Charges – Orders – Issued.

BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE (D) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.188 **Dated:07 -11-2022.**
Read the following:

From the DG, ACB, Vijayawada, Letter Rc.No.19/RE-ACB-VSK/2018-S-12/2019, dt.25.02.2022

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ORDER:

It is proposed to hold a detailed enquiry against Smt K.Sridevi, the then District B.C. Welfare Officer, Srikakulam District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of AP Civil Service (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charge (Annexure-I and II). A list of documents by which and a list of witnesses by whom, the article of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Smt K.Sridevi, the then District B.C. Welfare Officer, Srikakulam District is directed to submit her written statement of defence within ten (10) days of the receipt of the order.

4. Smt K.Sridevi, the then District B.C. Welfare Officer, Srikakulam District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those article of charges are not admitted. She should, therefore, specifically admit or deny article of charge.

5. Smt K.Sridevi, the then District B.C. Welfare Officer, Srikakulam District is further informed that if she does not submit her written statement of defence on or before the period specified at para (3) above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 or the orders / directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against her ex-parte.

6. Smt K.Sridevi, the then District B.C. Welfare Officer, Srikakulam District is informed that Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 stipulates that under no circumstances Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further her interests in representation is received on her behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings, it will be presumed that the said Smt K.Sridevi, the then District B.C. Welfare Officer, Srikakulam District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at her instance and action will be taken against her for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this G.O. shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.JAYALAKSHMI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Smt K.Sridevi, the then District B.C. Welfare Officer, Srikakulam District "through" the Director of BC Welfare, A.P., Vijayawada.

(P.T.O)

The Director of BC Welfare, A.P., Vijayawada. (with a request to serve and return the dated acknowledged served copy)

Copy to:
The Director General, Anti - Corruption Bureau, 2nd Floor, NTR Admn. Bhavan, P.N. Bus station, Vijayawada, Krishna District, A.P.

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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE AGAINST SMT K.SRIDEVI, THE THEN DISTRICT B.C. WELFARE OFFICER, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT:-

While working as DBCWO, Srikakulam during the period from 12.04.2017 to 05.06.2019, Smt K.Sridevi, has committed the following grave misconduct in as much as:-

ARTICLE OF CHARGE: -

That Smt. K.Sridevi using the services of a HWO as driver for her car for her official duties and also drawing hire car allowance. Further Smt.K.Sridevi is collecting the petrol for her car, tiffin and water bottles expenses from the wardens of the hostels to which she visits and also collecting Rs.5,000/- to Rs.15,000/- from each hostel.

Thus, the Government servant by her above mentioned act has failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and has shown conduct unbecoming of Government Servant and thereby contravened Rules 3(1) & 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE –II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT K.SRIDEVI, THE THEN DISTRICT B.C. WELFARE OFFICER, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT:-

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS

Sri K.P. Eswara Rao, A. Santilata, B. Mary of Janasena Political Party, Jagajjivan Bhavan, Sompeta, Srikakulam District submitted a petition to the Bureau alleging that Smt. K. Sridevi has been collecting bribe amounts from HWOs for deputations and transfers of HWOs and staff and misappropriating Government funds etc., by abusing her official position with the assistance of Sri B. Gopala Rao, HWO, K.V.Peta, Ranastalam Mandal, Srikakulam District and Sri G.A.S.N. Murthy, Superintendent, O/o DBCWO, Srikakulam. Further the petitioners also alleged that Sri M. Ragavendra Rao, HWO, Kotabommali, Srikakulam District acquired huge assets in his name and in the name of his family members at Krishna Park, Srikakulam, Bakkannapalem, Akkayyapalem and Gajuwaka of Visakhapatnam and requested action on the allegations of corruption and misappropriation of Govt. funds against Smt. K.Sridevi, District B.C. Welfare Officer, Srikakulam (Now working as B.C. Welfare Officer, Visakhapatnam Dist.) and 3 others of B.C. Welfare Department, Srikakulam District.

On the aforesaid petition, Bureau conducted Regular Enquiry vide RE No. 19/RE-VSK/2018.

With regard to this allegation, Sri Boddepalli Gopala Rao, HWO, Komaravanipeta, Ranastalam (Now retired from service) was examined and he stated that whenever hire car of the Government Servant went under repairs, he used to give his car to the Government Servant for her official use and he used to drive the vehicle etc, facts.

During the Enquiry , other HWOs i.e., Sri G. Bala Mukunda Rao, HWO, Srikakulam, Sri Sattaru Ananda Rao, HWO, Nandigam, Sri Budumuru Satyanarayan, HWO, Bonthala Koduru, Etcherla Mandal, Sri Paidi Shamla Rao HWO, Thadivalasa, Ponduru Mandal, Sri Kuna Hema Rao, HWO, Thotavada, Burja Mandal were also secured and examined. They stated that whenever the Government Servant car was under repair she used the car of Boddepalli Gopala Rao, HWO, Komaravanipeta and he also acted as car driver. Sri Boddepalli Gopala Rao, HWO also admitted the same. But the collection of amount Rs.5,000/- to Rs.15,000/- not proved.

The District Collector, Srikakulam has permitted the Government Servant vide RC No. B1/223/2017/BCW dated 09.09.2017 to engage Tata Indica Vista car No. AP 30 TV 0936 of Sri N. Lakshmana Rao S/o Raja Rao, Gujaratipeta, Srikakulam @ 24000/- per month. The hire charges were paid till June, 2017 only where as vehicle log book shows the said vehicle is engaged till 11.12.2017. As per the log book, the Government Servant visited 10 hostels in the month of 8/2017, 13 hostels in 9/2017, 12 hostels in 10/2017, 17 hostels in 11/2017.

Further, the District collector has permitted to engage the car by Government Servant from 26.12.2017 @ 35000/- per month in hiring AP 30 TB 1536 motor car (New Maruti Swift) owner by name Smt. S.Laxmi, Koyyam Road, Ramanagaram, Etcherla, Srikakulam vide orders dt. 12.01.2018. The payment was made for 12/2017 to 6/2018 of which payment from 3/2018 to 4/2018 was met from the funds of APBC study circle, Srikakulam on reimbursement basis. As per the log book, the Government Servant visited 13 hostels in 1/2018, 10 hostels in 2/18, 03 hotels in 4/2018, 4 hostels in 5/2018 and 2 hostels in 6/2018.

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As per log book, maximum visits shown as made in Srikakulam local only within 50 KM to 90 KM mileage in a day. The maximum visits were made to Nimmada, Kotabommali and there about 3 trips to Visakhapatnam for dropping to proceed to Vijayawada in almost every month. The Government Servant did not sign on every day trip. It appears that log book entries are adjusted to cover personal trips.

During the Enquiry, examined the HWOs i.e. Sri G. Bala Mukunda Rao, HWO, Srikakulam, Sri Sattaru Ananda Rao, HWO, Nandigam, Sri Budumuru Satyanarayan, HWO, Bonthala Koduru, Etcherla Mandal, Sri Paidi Shamla Rao HWO, Thadivalasa, Ponduru Mandal, Sri Kuna Hema Rao, HWO, Thotavada, Burja Mandal of concerned hostels and they categorically stated that the Government Servant has not visited their hostel on respective dates and also submitted copies of their hostels visit note books. No such visits were recorded in any of the visit books of concerned hostels.

Hence, the charge against the Government Servant that she used the services of a HWO as driver for her official duties and also drawing hire car allowance and further the Government Servant is collecting the petrol for her car, tiffin and water bottle expenses from the wardens of the hostels to which she visits and also collecting Rs.5,000/- to Rs.15,000/- from each hostel is held substantiated.

Thus, the Government Servant, Smt. Kottada Sridevi, D/o Late Thavitinaidu by her above-mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and brought down the prestige of the Government and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) & 3(2) of AP Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Hence, the charge.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT K.SRIDEVI, THE THEN DISTRICT B.C. WELFARE OFFICER, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED:

1. Log Books of hire car bearing No. AP 30 TV 0936 & AP 30 TB 1536 and tour diary of DBCWO.
   It shows that the Government Servant toured from 8/2017 to 6/2018 and inspected about 86 hostels.
2. Proceedings of District Collector, Srikakulam vide RC No. B1/223/2017/BCW, dt. 09.09.2017.
3. Hostel visit Note books.
4. Statements of Witnesses 1 to 6.

If any further evidence is required, it will be produced at the time of enquiry.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSESS BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SMT K.SRIDEVI, THE THEN DISTRICT B.C. WELFARE OFFICER, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED:

The following oral evidence is available on record.

1. Sri Boddepalli Gopala Rao, HWO, Komaravanipeta, Ranastalam (Now retired from service)
2. Sri G.Bala Mukunda Rao, HWO, Srikakulam.
3. Sri Sattaru Ananda Rao, HWO, Nandigam.
4. Sri Budumuru Satyanarayan, HWO, Bonthala Koduru, Etcherla Mandal.
5. Sri Paidi Shamla Rao HWO, Thadivalasa, Ponduru Mandal.
6. Sri Kuna Hema Rao, HWO, Thotavada, Burja Mandal.
7. Sri. P.Srinivasa Rao, Inspector, ACB, Srikakulam Range.
8. Sri. K. Bhaskara Rao, Inspector, ACB, Srikakulam Range

If any further evidence is required, he / she will be produced at the time of enquiry.

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